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2. Copies of documents listed on Form PTO-1449, including English abstracts of the foreign patents cited;
3. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (B);
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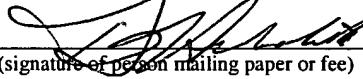
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Copies of 3 German patents, with English translations, are attached. Also, a copy of the search report of the German Patent Office is enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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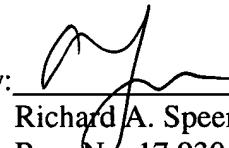
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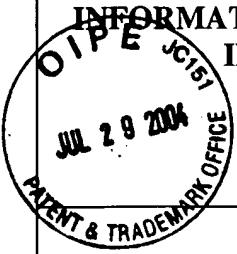
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	DE 199 32 356 A1	2/17/00	Germany			X	
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